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CAMP JOHN HAY BAGUIO

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CAMP JOHN HAY FOR MAJOR BROWN

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINS, RP

SUBJECT: REPORTED NPA AMBUSH NEAR BANAUE RICE TERRACES

REF: STATE 038535

1. MANILA PRESS REPORTS FEB 24 EIGHT MEMBERS OF MILITARY CIVIC ACTION TEAM INCLUDING THREE OFFICERS WERE AMBUSHED MORNING OF FEB 21 ALONG ROAD FROM BANAUE (FAMED TOURIST SPOT) TO HAPAO IN IFUGAO PROVINCE. PRESS STATES AMBUSHERS ARE SUSPECTED MEMBERS OF NPA LIQUIDATION SQUAD. AMBUSHERS ATTACKED GOVERNMENT JEEP WITH TWO HAND GRENADES AND HIGH POWERED RIFLES. THEY BURNED VEHICLE AND ESCAPED WITH SIX RIFLES, THREE PISTOLS, AND A REVOLVER. AMBUSH WAS BELIEVED INTENDED FOR NORTHEAST COMMANDER B.G. PARANIS AND IFUGAO GOVERNOR, LUMAUIG WHO ELECTED TO TRAVEL TO HAPAO BY HELICOPTER.

2. AMBUSH COMES WEEK AFTER AMBUSH IN WHICH THREE PC KILLED (REFTEL) WHICH PRESS INCORRECTLY REPORTED INVOLVED CAMP JOHN HAY COMMANDER.

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3. COMMENT: PRESS GIVE IMPRESSION AMBUSHERS NPA BUT

AS IN CASE OF EARLIER AMBUSH, THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN HILL  
TRIBESMEN WITH GRIEVANCE AGAINST MILITARY AND/OR "UNDER THE  
INFLUENCE" OF NPA. WE HAVE HEARD THAT NPA IS IN "EXPANSION  
PHASE" IN MOUNTAIN AREA POSSIBLY COMPENSATING FOR FACT IT HAS  
BEEN HARD HIT IN NORTHEASTERN LUZON (ISABELA) AS RESULT OF  
RECENT ARRESTS. WE SHALL BE FOLLOWING UP ON NPA STRENGTHS IN  
THIS PREVIOUSLY QUIET AREA. AMBUSH THIS SERIOUS SO NEAR ONE  
OF PHILIPPINES'S MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IS EMBARRASSING  
TO GOVERNMENT AND HARDLY ENHANCES REGIME'S PEACE AND ORDER  
IMAGE.

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